

CLAIMS

31. **(Previously Allowed – Amended)** A method of treating a left ventricular aneurysm by inserting a sac in the left ventricle of the heart, as an addition to or step of a conventional operative repair of a left ventricular aneurysm, wherein said sac is [a] flexible [sac for insertion in a chamber of the heart, said sac] and limit[ing]s to a predetermined amount the volume of blood that is allowed to enter the chamber in the diastolic phase of the heart function.
32. **(Previously allowed - Amended)** A method of treating a ventricular septal defect by inserting a sac in the left ventricle of the heart and connecting the sac to the annulus of the mitral valve and to the annulus of the aortic valve, wherein said sac is [a] flexible [sac for insertion in a chamber of the heart, said sac] and limit[ing]s to a predetermined amount the volume of blood that is allowed to enter the chamber in the diastolic phase of the heart function.
33. **(Previously allowed - Amended)** A method of treating primary pulmonary hypertension by inserting a sac in the right ventricle of the heart and connecting the sac to the annulus of the tricuspid valve and to the annulus of the pulmonic valve. wherein said sac is [a] flexible {sac for insertionin a chamber of the heart, said sac] and limit[ing]s to a

predetermined amount the volume of blood that is allowed to enter the chamber in the diastolic phase of the heart function.

34. (Previously allowed - Amended) A method of treating rupture of the ventricle by inserting a sac in the ventricle of the heart and connecting the sac to the annulus of the inflow valve and to the annulus of the outflow valve, wherein said sac is [a] flexible [sac for insertion in a chamber of the heart, said sac] and limit[ing]s to a predetermined amount the volume of blood that is allowed to enter the chamber in the diastolic phase of the heart function.